

his pensioner and then staring as Brown drew from his pocket the letter he had received at the hotel. In a moment Brown saw that the address on the envelope had startled Mr. Thorpe. As the latter perused it his handsome face broke into a smile of the most wonderful delight.

"Where did you get this?" he challenged quickly, and Brown explained.

Mr. Thorpe hastened in search of the captain of the steamer. He bribed him to make a landing so he could return to the town. He motioned to Brown to follow him to land.

Very briefly he made Brown understand that he had come to the place to make up a quarrel with the young lady he loved. The delayed letter, an answer to his, had sent him away, intending to never return, but Brown had saved the day.

"My friend," said the grateful Thorpe, "you have proved yourself a jewel. You say you are a piano tuner?"

"Yes, sir," assented Brown.

"Well, I shall lodge you at the hotel at my expense, get you a new rig, and—why! I'll buy you a little piano factory and start you in business for what you've done for me!"

#### LEAP YEAR

To understand what leap year is you must first remember that the exact length of the year is the period of time which it takes for the earth to move through its orbit about the sun. This is 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, 46 seconds. But as it would be extremely inconvenient to reckon this fraction of a day on every calendar it is omitted for a certain number of years when it appears as the extra day in a year of 366 days. Astronomers have figured that the calendar can be perfectly computed by adding this extra day to all years whose numbers are divisible by 4 or 400. February is then given 29 instead of 28 days, and the first of March thus "leaps over" the one additional day.

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LOVE HER DOG, TOO



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It's mighty hard to please a woman. If you stare at her she thinks you rude, and if you don't she thinks you lack taste.